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TAGS: PINT, ASEC, ELAB, AR

SUBJECT: LABOR READY TO FORCE OUSTER LOPEZ REGA, AND PRESIDENT IF  
NECESSARY

1. IN LENGTHY DISCUSSION MORNING JULY 4 CGT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER  
INFORMED LABATT THAT LABOR WAS DETERMINED TO FORCE OUSTER OF LOPEZ  
REGA, EVEN IF IT MEANT THAT PRESIDENT PERON WOULD LEAVE WITH HIM.  
HE SAID LABOR HOPED THAT MRS. PERON WOULD ACCEPT HIS OUSTER AND REMAIN

AT HEAD OF RESTRUCTURED GOVT, BUT THAT THERE WOULD BE NO BACKING DOWN  
FROM POSITION VIS-A-VIS LOPEZ REGA. CGT CONFEDERATED CENTRAL COMM-  
ITTEE (CCC) TO MEET AT 18:30 JULY 4 TO CONSIDER OPTIONS OPEN TO LABOR  
TO FORCE ISSUE. BASIC OPTIONS TO BE PRESENTED AT MEETING ARE TO  
ACCEPT GOA PROPOSALS (CERTAIN TO BE REJECTED), OPT FOR 24 HOUR  
STRIKE AND THEN ADDITIONAL DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT TO OBTAIN HER  
CONCURRENCE LABOR PROPOSALS, 24 HOUR STRIKE OR INDEFINITE STRIKE TO  
SIGNIFY ABSOLUTE BREAK WITH GOVT. SOURCE SAID LABOR AND MILITARY  
HAVE BOTH TOLD PRESIDENT THAT REGARDLESS OF SOLUTION, LOPEZ REGA  
MUST TO.

2. SOURCE STATED THAT LABOR LEADERS BELIEVE THAT IF THEY FORCED  
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TO STRIKE TO OUST LOPEZ REGA, MANY OF THEM WILL PROBABLY BE KILLED

BY LOPEZ REGA'S GOON SQUADS. HOWEVER, THEY ARE WILLING TO "GO THE LAST MILE", EVEN IF IT SHOULD MEAN THEY WOULD HAVE TO FIGHT FROM CLANDESTINITY, TO FORCE END OF "SACRED FAMILY" (FAMILIA SAGRADO) OF LOPEZ REGA, HIS DAUGHTER NORMA AND SON-IN-LAW RAUL LASTIRI. SOURCE ADVISED THAT ABOUT FIVE CGT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS, REPRESENTING MOSTLY LESS INFLUENTIAL UNIONS, WOULD PROBABLY REMAIN OUTSIDE THE BATTLE, BUT THAT THE LEADERS OF THE POWERFUL INDUSTRIAL UNIONS (METAL WORKERS, TEXTILE, ETC.) WOULD FORCE ISSE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IF LEADERS SHOWED SIGNS OF WEAKENING, THE RANK AND FILE WOULD "TRAMPLE OVER THEM." NOTE: WILD CAT STRIKES ARE WIDESPREAD AND INCREASING, AND WORKERS ARE BUILDING BARRICADES IN SOME PARTS OF BUENOS AIRES.

3. SOURCE SAID LABOR HOPED FOR A RESTRUCTURED GOVT WITH PRESIDENT PERON (OR OTHER ACCEPTABLE LEADER) AT HEAD, BUT WITH AN ADVISORY CABINET COMPOSED OF HEADS OF THREE ARMED FORCES, AND LABOR, POLITICAL AND BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES. HE SAID IT MUST REPRESENT "ENTIRE SOCIAL,

POLITICAL SPECTRUM, INCLUDING RADICALS, PERONISTS, ETC. ON QUESTION OF REPLACEMENT FOR PRESIDENT PERON IF SHE SHOULD RESIGN, HE SAID EITHER SENATE COULD ELECT ACCEPTABLE PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT OR CONGRESS COULD ANUL SUCCESSION LAW AND REPLACE IT WITH NEW ONE CALLING FOR ELECTION OF PRESIDENT "BY CONGRESS," OR IN OTHER MANNER ACCEPTABLE TO MILITARY AND LABOR. HE SAID PRESIDENT COULD BE MILITARY, POLITICAL OR BUSINESSMAN, BUT THAT IT WOULD NOT BE A LABOR LEADER. SOURCE STRESSED THAT NEITHER A "MILITARY NOR LABOR GOVT" WOULD WORK, BUT THAT IT MUST HAVE THEIR PARTICIPATION.

4. MRS. PERON'S ATTITUDE WAS DESCRIBED AS ONE OF ABSOLUTE REFUSAL TO COMPROMISE. HER ONLY RESPONSE TO SUGGESTIONS FOR COMPROMISE, ETC.

WAS "TO SLAP THE TABLE AND YELL THAT SHE IS THE ONE WHO COMMANDS." THE WAGE PROPOSALS PRESENTED THUS FAR, AND REJECTED, ARE AS FOLLOWS. GOA OFFERED 50 PER CENT WAGE INCREASE PLUS LATER ADDITIONAL 30 PER CENT WITH PARITARIAS AGREEMENTS TO TAKE EFFECT JAN 1, 1976. LABOR WOULD HAVE TO DONATE ONE DAY'S PAY PER MONTH FOR ENTIRE YEAR TO GOA. LABOR COUNTERED WITH PROPOSAL FOR PARITARIAS TO TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY WITH LABOR DONATING FIRST MONTH'S INCREASE TO GOA. GOA'S COUNTER OFFER WAS TO MAINTAIN FIRST PROPOSAL BUT TO ADVANCE TO NOV, 1975 IMPLEMENTATION OF PARITARIAS. LABOR'S LAST PROPOSAL, CONFIDENTIAL

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WHICH WAS ALSO REJECTED, WAS TO ACCEPT 50 PER CENT INCREASE FOR THREE MONTHS, DONATE FIRST MONTHS SALARY INCREASE TO GOA, THEN IMPLEMENT PAR-

ITARIAS SEPTEMBER 1. DURING THREE MONTH PERIOD, NEGOTIATIONS FOR COMPLETING THOSE STILL UNRESOLVED PARITARIAS WOULD BE CONTINUED.

5. TALKS HAVE NOW BROKEN DOWN, BUT COULD POSSIBLY BE RENEWED PRIOR TO 18:30 CCC MEETING, LABOR WILL NOT TALK WITH CABINET, ONLY WITH

LOPEZ REGA, LASTIRI AND MRS. PERON. SOURCE DESCRIBED SITUATION AS  
"EXTREME GRAVE."

6. COMMENT. SOURCE HAS ALWAYS GIVEN RELIABLE INFORMATION AND HIS  
DESCRIPTION OF SITUATION IS UNDOUBTEDLY THAT SHARED BY OTHER LABOR  
LEADERS. IT THUS APPEARS THAT CONFRONTATION WILL REACH CRITICAL  
POINT WITHIN NEXT 24 HOURS. GIVEN RANGE OF FORCES LINED UP AGAINST  
LOPEZ REGA, IT APPEARS THAT HIS DAYS ARE INDEED NUMBERED. HOWEVER,  
HE CANNOT BE COUNTED OUT UNTIL HE ACTUALLY IS OUT, AND HIS FINAL  
CARDS ARE YET TO BE PLAYED.

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